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New and Transfer Student Orientation “Get Connected”



Monday, January 5 - Friday, January 9, 2009

University of the Virgin Islands
No. 2 John Brewers Bay
St. Thomas, VI 00802-9990

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Dear New Student:

WELCOME! The members of the University community are looking forward to your arrival on the St. Thomas campus of the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI). We are happy that you have decided to attend UVI.

The pursuit of a college education will probably be one of the most exciting and rewarding challenges of your life. Research indicates that students who attend and actively participate in an Orientation Program benefit by having a greater level of satisfaction with their University experience. Additionally, they are more likely to remain in college than those who do not attend such programs. The primary objective of our student orientation program is to introduce you to life at UVI.

The enclosed schedule details several days of activities. During these days you will have the opportunity to meet new classmates, interact with University administrators, faculty, staff, and student leaders, and become familiar with campus facilities. You will attend orientation sessions, meet individually with your faculty advisor, discuss your academic program for the **Spring** Semester, and register for classes. In addition, you will tour the campus and participate in workshops and discussion groups designed to meet your concerns and interests as a new or transfer student. **New and transfer students are required to attend all sessions of the orientation program.** On Monday January 5, 2009, on campus and commuter students will check in between 12:00 noon – 5:00 PM at the Student Activities Center. When you check-in you will receive an orientation packet, the 2008-2009 UVI catalog and other pertinent information. **Please bring all materials that you receive to the orientation program.**

The Enrollment Confirmation Form and a \$100.00 enrollment deposit fee is due prior to registration. The \$100.00 fee is applied towards your tuition. If you have not submitted your Enrollment Deposit, please do so before the deadline. Your Enrollment Confirmation enables us to plan more effectively for your orientation program and classes.

If you are coming from outside the United States Virgin Islands, book your flight early, preferably as soon as you have received information about your residence hall assignment or have secured off-campus housing accommodations. **It is very important that you do not arrive in St. Thomas without confirmation of your housing status (on-campus or off-campus).**

We look forward to seeing you at the New Student Orientation activities in **January**.

Sincerely,



D.C. Battiste, Ed. D.
Associate Campus Administrator (STT Campus)
Division of Student Affairs

Spring 2009 New and Transfer Student Orientation Schedule

Parent Sessions are indicated in green

Day 1: Monday, January 5, 2009

Time	Activity	Location
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	English Placement Exam	CA Bldg. (Rm 302)
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Residence Halls & Commuter Check-In	Activities Center
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Math Placement Exam	CA Bldg. (Rm 305)
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Dinner	Dining Pavilion
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Mandatory Residence Hall Meeting	Dining Pavilion

Day 2: Tuesday, January 6, 2009

**UNIVERSITY CLOSED
HOLIDAY - THREE KINGS DAY (OBSERVED)**

Day 3: Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Time	Activity	Location
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	S & F Center (Lobby)
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Welcome Remarks Ms. LilyMae Durante Acting Campus Executive Administrator Ms. Sharifa Maloney UVI Student Government Association President	S & F Center (2nd Floor)
	Orientation Overview Dr. Doris C. Battiste Associate Campus Administrator for Student Affairs	
	ALMA MATER BY THE SEA by Detra Davis	
	Getting Connected	
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Panel Discussion I Financial Info: Bills and Thrills Technology in the Academic World Internship and Work Study: The Real Experience Campus Advising and Tutorial Services (CATS)	S & F Center (2nd Floor)
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Panel Discussion II Your Health Matters Social and Emotional Health Keeping Safe and Secure Home away from home Drug Prevention Program	S & F Center (2nd Floor)
11:00 AM - 11 :10 AM	Making a Difference - Student Peer Educators	S & F Center (2nd Floor)
11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	Panel Discussion III Athletics & Sports: Become Fit for Life Student Organizations and You Alumni Affairs Keeping Arts Alive	S & F Center (2nd Floor)

Day 3: Wednesday, January 7, 2009 (Cont'd)

Time	Activity	Location
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Parent Sessions * Letting Go * FERPA * Questions and Answers	S & F Center (Rm 222)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch (Barbecue Style) Campus Tour (Students)	S & F Center (Lobby) S & F Center (Lobby)
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Welcome & Introduction of Academic Deans Dr. Al Hassan Musah, Provost	ACC (1st Floor)
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Advisement and Registration Overview Ms. Heather Hogarth- Smith, Registrar	ACC (1st Floor)
1:30 PM - 6:00PM	Advisement and Registration	ACC (1st Floor)
1:30 PM - 6:00 PM	ID Pictures—All New undergraduate & graduate students *Students must present a receipt stamped “paid”	ACC (1st Floor)
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Campus Tour (Parents)	ACC (Lobby)

Day 4: Thursday, January 8, 2009

Time	Activity	Location
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Dining Pavilion
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Late Registration	ACC (1st Floor)
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	U.S. Immigration Meeting for F-1 Status Students	ACC (2nd Floor)
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	National Student Exchange and Other Exchange Programs	ACC (2nd Floor)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Dining Pavilion
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration (Non-matriculated/Non degree)	ACC (1st Floor)
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	President’s Welcome and Pinning Ceremony & Reception <i>Meet & Greet UVI President, Administrators and Alumni</i> (All parents & students are invited)	Dining Pavilion

Day 5: Friday, January 9, 2009

Time	Activity	Location
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Island Tour	Meet in front Bookstore
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Late Registration	ACC 1st Floor
10:00 PM - until	VI Night Life	Meet in Dining Pavilion

Monday, January 12, 2009

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DINING PAVILION SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY

Breakfast 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Lunch 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Dinner 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

SATURDAY & HOLIDAYS

Breakfast 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Dinner 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

SUNDAY

Brunch 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Dinner 5:00 PM -6:00 PM

SNACK BAR

9:15 AM – 11:15 AM

2:15 PM – 4:15 PM

7:15 PM – 9:00 PM

TRAVELING ARRANGEMENTS

IF YOU ARE FLYING directly into the Cyril E. King Airport, you can arrive at the campus by taking a taxi, which will cost approximately \$4.00 per passenger. If you will be traveling by the Seaborne Airlines, You can also arrive at the campus by taking a taxi which will cost approximately \$7.00 per passenger.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING BY BOAT and arriving at the Red Hook Harbor you can arrive at the campus by taking a taxi, which will cost approximately \$14.00 per passenger or you may call **East End Taxi Service** located in Red Hook at (340) 775-6974 and request transportation to travel to the University of the Virgin Islands (west). If you arrive at the Waterfront Harbor, a taxi will cost approximately \$7.00 per passenger.

Note: Prices for taxis may change due to luggage.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Families attending the **SPRING 2009 New and Transfer Student Orientation** should make hotel reservations early. Here are some hotels that are near the university's campus.

HOLIDAY INN - WINDWARD PASSAGE HOTEL

Physical Address: Veterans Drive (Down Town – 15 minutes to campus)
St. Thomas VI 00802
Telephone: (340) 774-5200 Ext. 253/254

BEST WESTERN EMERALD BEACH RESORT

Physical and Mailing Address: 8070 Lindberg Bay
(Near Airport – 5 minutes to campus)
St. Thomas, VI 00802
Telephone Number: (340) 777-8800 Ext. 5200
1-800-233-4936

ISLAND BEACHCOMBER HOTEL

Physical Address: Lindberg Beach Road (Near Airport – 5 minutes to campus)
St. Thomas, VI 00802
Telephone Number: (340) 774-5250

Alma Mater By the Sea

Words and Music by Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta

**Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
Beside the blue Caribbean calm
Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
'neath sunny skies and whisp'ring palm**

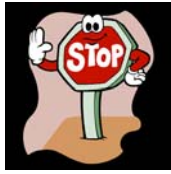
**Proud we are to tread thy ways
Loud and true we voice our praise
Open door thy every portal
'mid sand and sea and golden days**

**Long the ties that will endure
Strong in heart and memory
Faithfully we'll always honor
Our Alma Mater by the sea**

**Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
For guiding stars so brightly shown
Hail to thee, dear Alma Mater
How wide the bound'ries we have flown**

**Sing we now of bright tomorrows
Yesterday we never knew
Walking down thy halls of wisdom
The towerin' heights are all in view**

**Here to us on islands famed
Dear to us thy name will be
University of the Virgin Islands
Our Alma Mater by the sea.**



FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Important Numbers: Offices / Services

Admissions Office	(340) 693-1150
Associate Campus Administrator's Office	(340) 693-1120
Bookstore	(340) 693-1561
Campus Advising & Tutorial Services (CATS)	(340) 693-1220
Campus Executive Administrator	(340) 693-1140
Counseling and Placement Services	(340) 693-1136 / (340) 693-1087
Dining Pavilion	(340) 693-1139
Financial Aid Office	(340) 693-1090
Global & Graduate Education	(340) 693-1203 / (340) 693-1243
Provost Office	(340) 693-1200
Registrar's Office	(340) 693-1160
Security Office	(340) 693-1530
Student Employment Services	(340) 693-1088
Student Health Services	(340) 693-1124
Student Housing & Activities	(340) 693-1110

Academic Divisions

Business Administration (BUS)	(340) 693-1300
Education (EDU)	(340) 693-1320
Humanities/Social Sciences (HUSS)	(340) 693-1340 / (340) 693-1260
Nursing (NUR)	(340) 693-1290
Science and Math (SCI/MAT)	(340) 693-1230

Please Note:

ACC	Administration & Conference Center
CA Bldg:	Classroom Administration Building
C/P:	Counseling and Placement Services
SA:	Student Affairs
S & F Ctr.:	Sports and Fitness Center

Questions? Call the Office of the Associate Campus Administrator at 340-693-1120 or visit us at our website at <http://www.uvi.edu>.